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6 Articles of Faith

Slide: Islamic bite-sized learning

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What is Islam?

The meaning of Islam

Islam means acceptance of and submission to God, and believers must demonstrate this by worshiping him, following his commands, and avoiding polytheism.

Acceptance & Submission

The meaning of Islam

The word is given a number of meanings in the Qur'an.

In some verses (ayat), the quality of Islam as an internal conviction is stressed:

“So whoever Allah wants to guide, He expands his breast to contain Islam...”

Surah Al-ʻAn`ām (6:125)

Islam and din

Islam sometimes mention as “din”
usually translated as religion, as mention
in the Quran:

Din Deen Dyn → Religion

“Today, I have perfected your religion (din) for you, I have completed My blessing upon you, I have approved Islam for your religion.”

Surah Al-Mā'idah (5:3)

It's more than just verbal

Still others describe Islam as an action of returning to Allah, more than just a verbal affirmation of faith.

Another technical meaning in Islamic thought is as one part of a triad of Islam, iman (faith), and ihsan (excellence) where it represents acts of worship ('ibadah) and Islamic law.

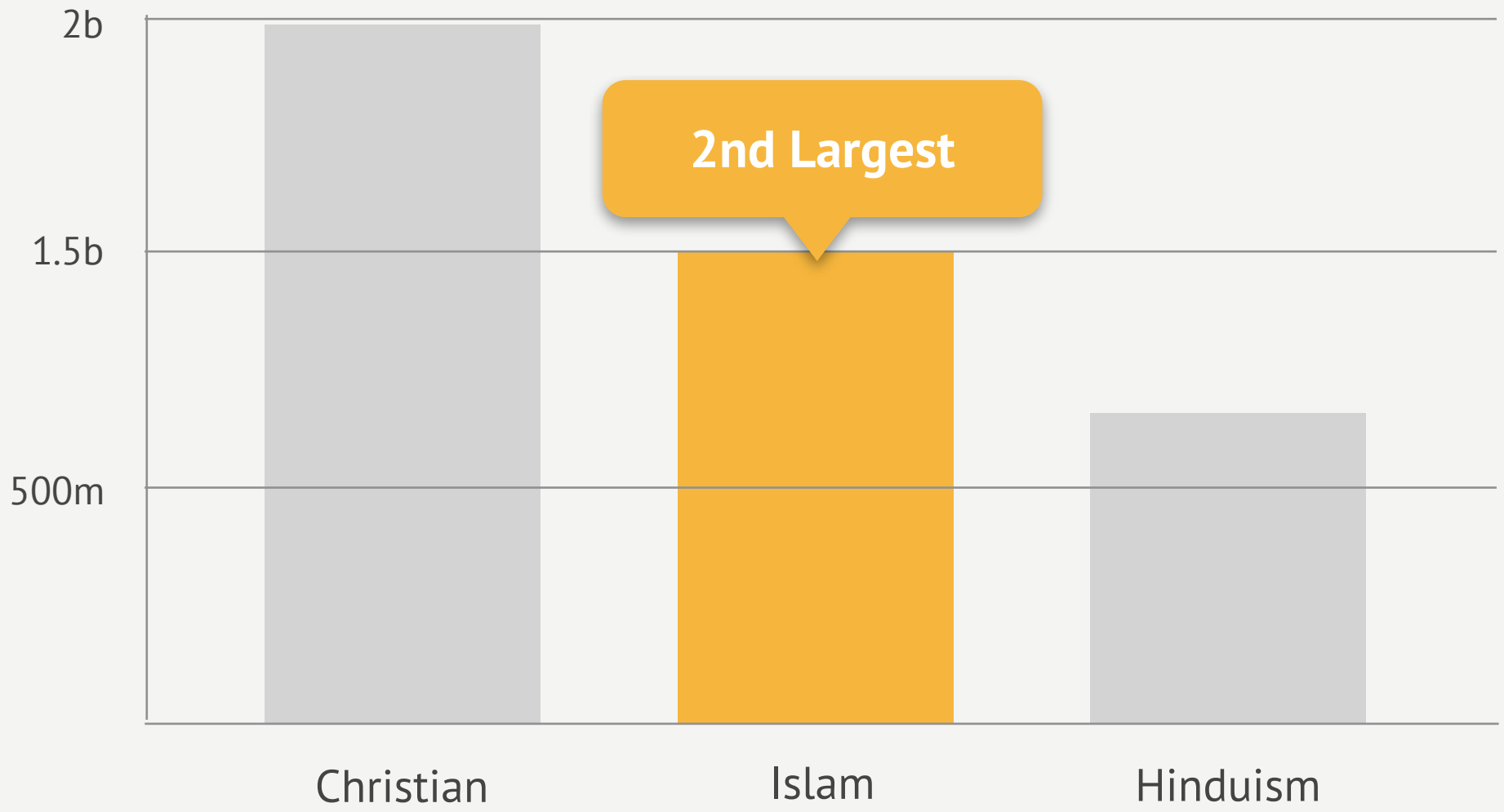
Muslims around the world

Islam is the predominant religion in the Middle East, North Africa, and South East Asia. About 13% of Muslims live in Indonesia, the largest Muslim country, 31% in the Indian Subcontinent, and 20% in Arab countries.

With approximately

1.57 billion Muslims.

Islam is the second-largest religion in the world and arguably the fastest growing religion in the world.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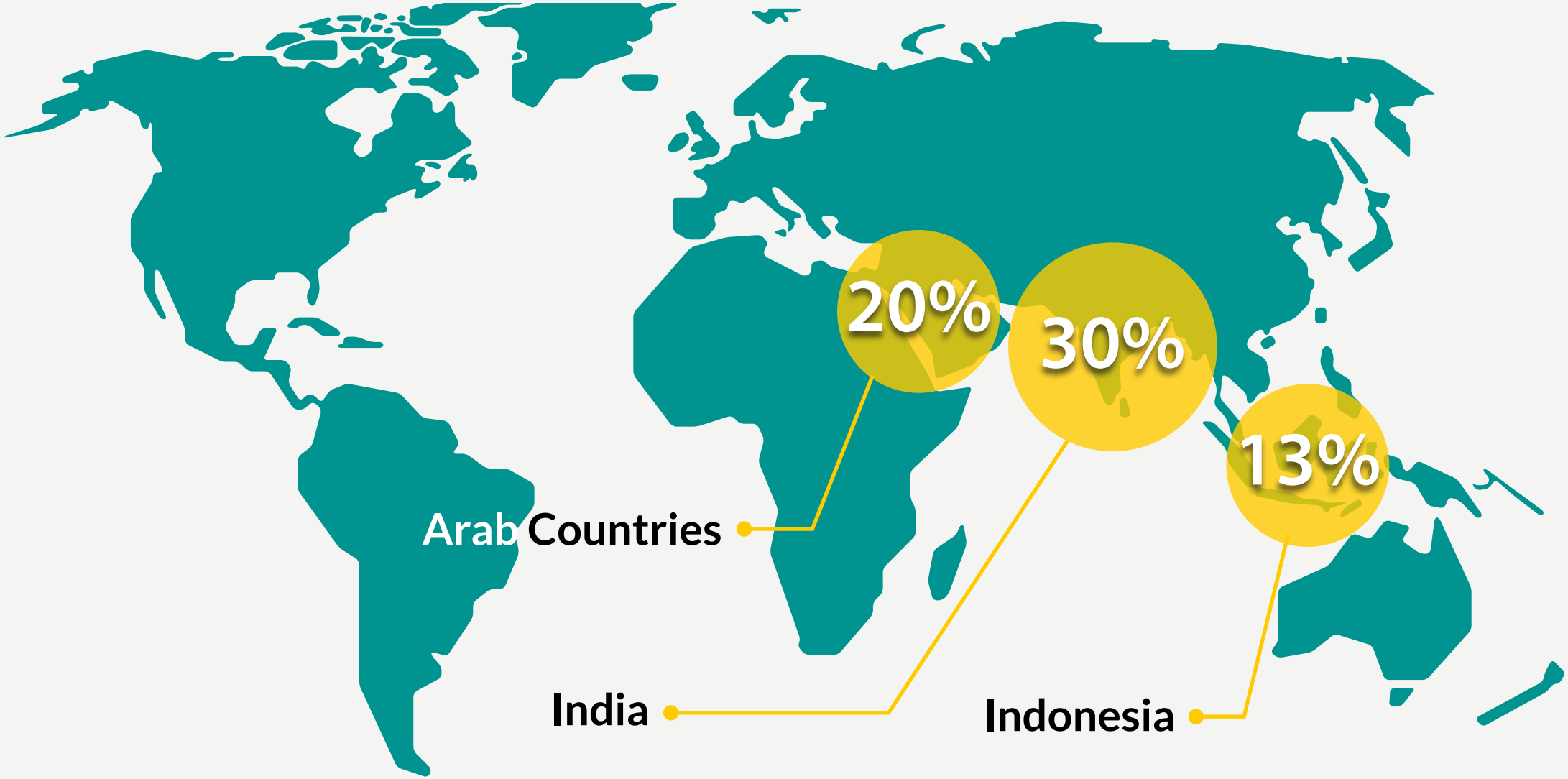
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The 6 Articles of Faith

It's about being a true Muslim

The 6 Articles of Faith is all about becoming the true Muslim believer.

Belief in God and the Final Justice are something natural for humans.

But the true believers do not stop on that point.

True believers also believe in Allah's Books, Prophets, Angels, Day of Judgement and Predestination (Qadaa & Qadar).

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Let's take a look of each one breifly.

Believe in Allah

The one and only God, Allah

A Muslim believes in one God, Supreme and Eternal, Infinite and Mighty, Merciful and Compassionate, Creator and Provider.

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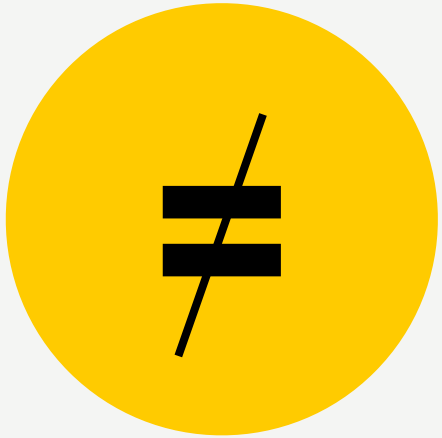
The one and only God, Allah

Allah has neither father nor mother, neither sons nor was He fathered. None equal to Him.

He is the God of all mankind, not of a special tribe or race.



Allah's attributes

Allah is High and Supreme but He is very near to the pious thoughtful believers. He answers their prayers and helps them.

He loves the people who love Him and forgives their sins. He gives them peace, happiness, knowledge and success.

Loving & Forgiving

“ ***Say: He is Allah, the One and Only. Allah, the Eternal, Absolute.***

Surah Al-Ikhlas (112:1-4)

“ ***He begetteth not, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him.***

Surah Al-Ikhlas (112:1-4)

Needless and Independent

Allah does not need anything from us, because He is Needless and Independent.

In return for all the great favors and mercy, Allah asks us to know Him, to love Him and to enforce His law for our benefit and our own good.

Believe in The Angels

The pure spiritual beings

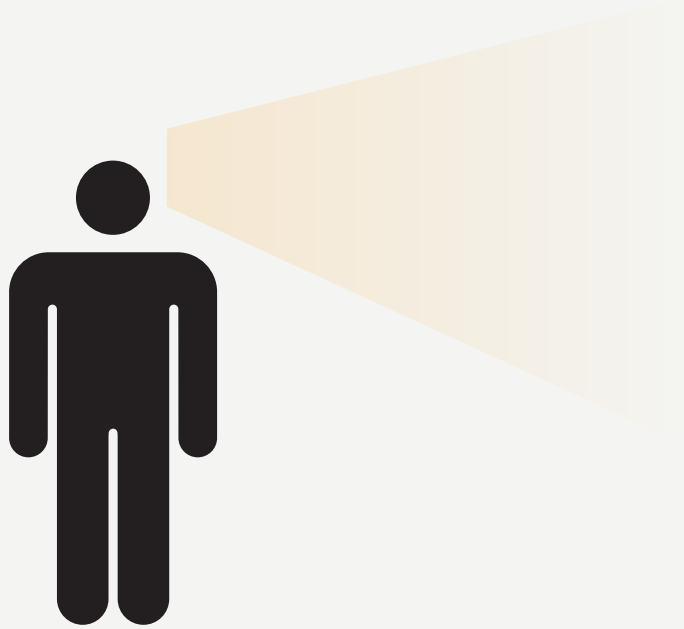
There are purely spiritual and splendid beings created by Allah.

The beauty of it is they require no food or drink or sleep and they have neither physical desires nor material needs.

Cannot be seen

Each is charged with a certain duty. Angels cannot be seen by the naked eyes.

The Qur'an describes angels as messengers with two, three or four pairs of wings:



“ ***All praise is due to Allah, Creator of the heavens and the earth,***

Surah Al-Fatir (35:1)

“who made the angels messengers having wings, two or three or four...”

Surah Al-Fatir (35:1)

Believe in The Revelations

As a guidance from Allah

A Muslim believes in all scriptures and revelations of Allah, as they were complete and in their original versions.

Manuscript on vellum, written in sepia-coloured Hijazi script. An Early Qur'anic Manuscript (1st century Hijra).

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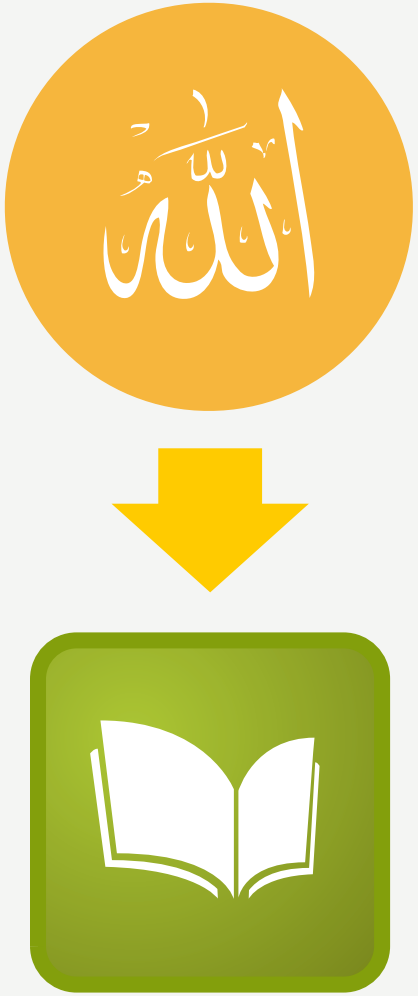
As a guidance from Allah

Allah, the Creator, has not left man without guidance for the conduct of his life. Revelations were given to guide the people to the right path of Allah and sent down to selected people, the prophets and messengers, to convey it to their fellow men.

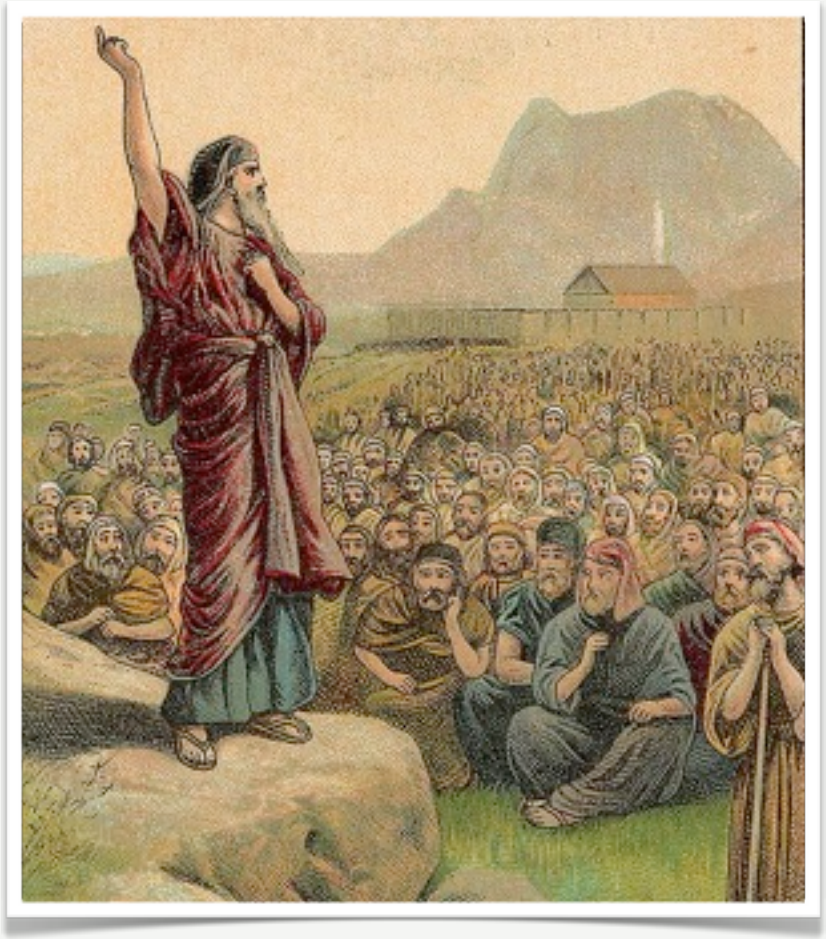


The same message

The message of all the prophet and messengers is the same.

They all asked the people of their time to obey and worship Allah and none other.

Moses Pleading with Israel, illustration from a Bible card published 1907 by the Providence Lithograph Company



This is an Inaccurate depiction of The Ancient hebrew peoples inhabiting Meroe at the time.

The same message

Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus and Muhammad who were revealed their own book of Allah, were sent at different times to bring back straying human beings from deviation to the right course.

From deviation to the right course

Types of revelations

Through out human civilisation there are four types of revelations.

Zabur	▸	Prophet Daud
Taurah	▸	Prophet Musa
Injil	▸	Prophet Isa
Quran	▸	Prophet Muhammad

The fourth revelations: Quran

Quran ▸ Prophet Muhammad

The Quran is the sacred book of the Muslims today. It is the last book of guidance from Allah, sent down to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), through the angel Jibril (Gabriel).

It covers all areas of life

Quran contains principles, doctrines and directions for every sphere of human life and the life after death.

The theme of the Quran broadly consists of three fundamental ideas: **Oneness** of Allah, Prophethood and life after death.

The success of human beings on this earth and in the life hereafter depends on obedience to the Quran teaching.

Remained unchanged

The Quran is unrivaled in its recording and preservation.

The astonishing fact about this book of Allah is that it has remained unchanged even to a dot over the past fourteen hundred years.

No scholar has questioned the fact that the Quran today is the same as it was revealed. Allah is protecting it from being lost, corrupted or concealed.

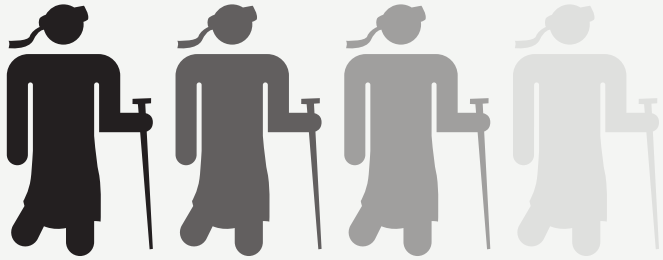
Believe in The Prophets

Prophets were humans

A Muslim believes in all the Messengers and Prophets of God without any discrimination.

All messengers were mortals, human beings, endowed with Divine revelations and appointed by God to teach mankind.

Human Beings



Mortals

More than 25 Prophets

The Holy Quran mentions the names of 25 messengers and prophets and states that there are others.

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ى هارون ذوالكفل داود

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More than 25 Prophets

These include Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad. Their message might look different, but the core message is similar.

The miracles of the prophets are somehow dependent on the era they were chosen.

They all have miracles

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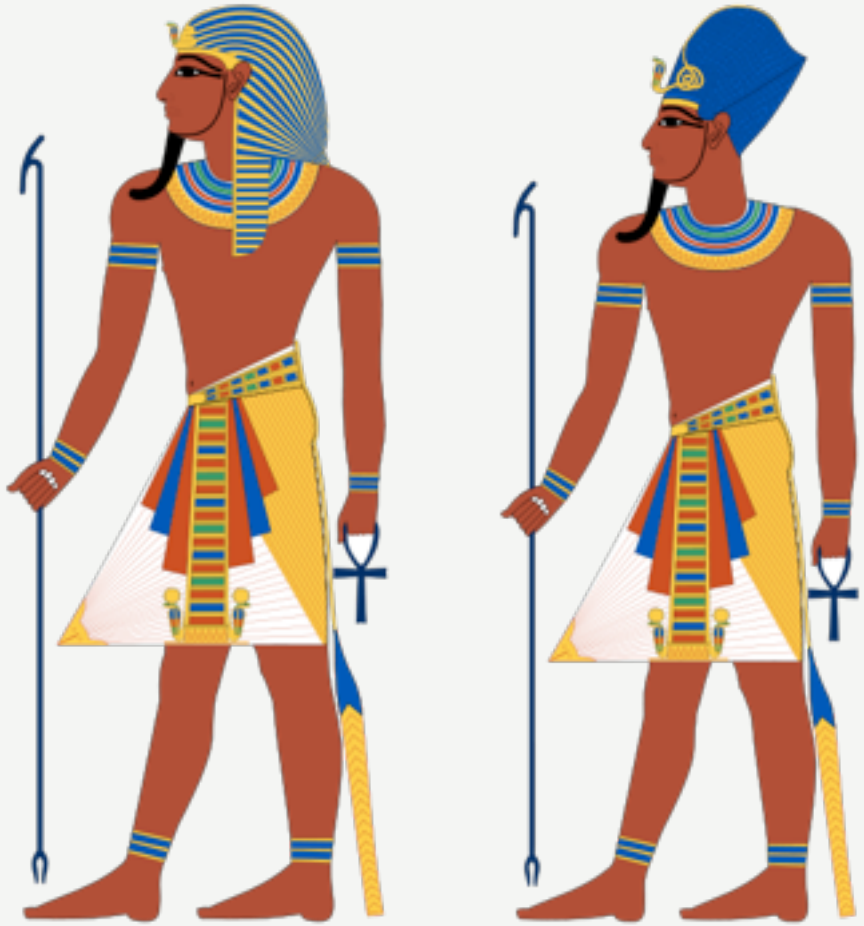
Moses had miracles to challenge the magicians, because magic was very popular in his era.



Pharaoh, the king of ancient Egypt.
Based on New Kingdom tomb paintings. By Jeff Dahl

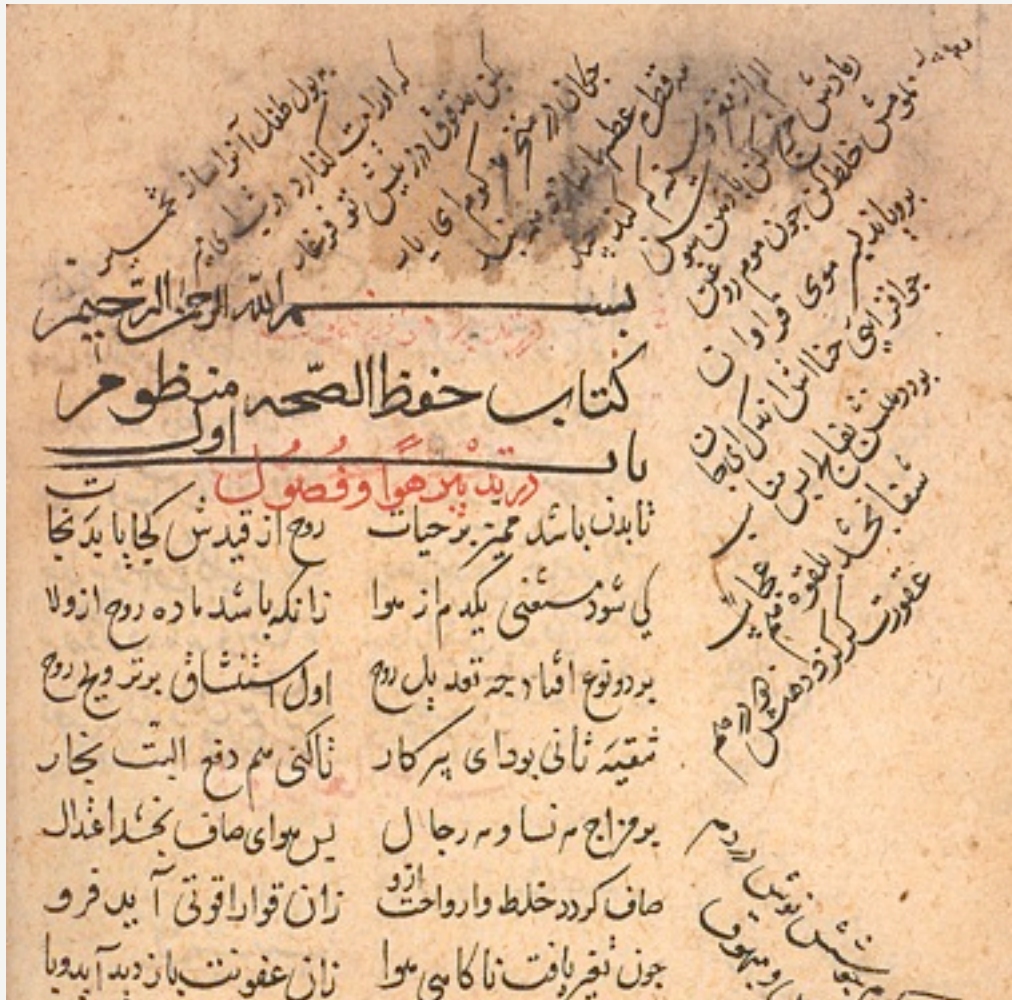
They all have miracles

At the time when Jesus was chosen, medicine and healing was popular, so his miracles was mainly related to giving life to the dead or making a statue come alive.

Prophet Muhammad’s miracle

Poetry was very popular when Muhammad was chosen.

Prophet Muhammad’s miracle is the holy Quran, and is the direct book of God.



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Prophet Muhammad’s miracle

The book itself challenges people in many ways, and tells them they cannot bring a verse (sura), like Quran.

Allah tells the humankind that he protects Quran from being corrupted, and has saved it until now without any corruption.

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http://www.qurancomplex.org

Believe in The Day of Judgement

The world will come to an end

This world as we know it will come to an end, and the dead will rise to stand for their final and fair trial.

On that day, all men and women from Adam to the last person will be resurrected from the state of death for Judgement.

Everything is being recorded

Everything we do, say, make, intends and thinks are accounted for and kept in accurate records. They are brought up on the Day of Judgement.

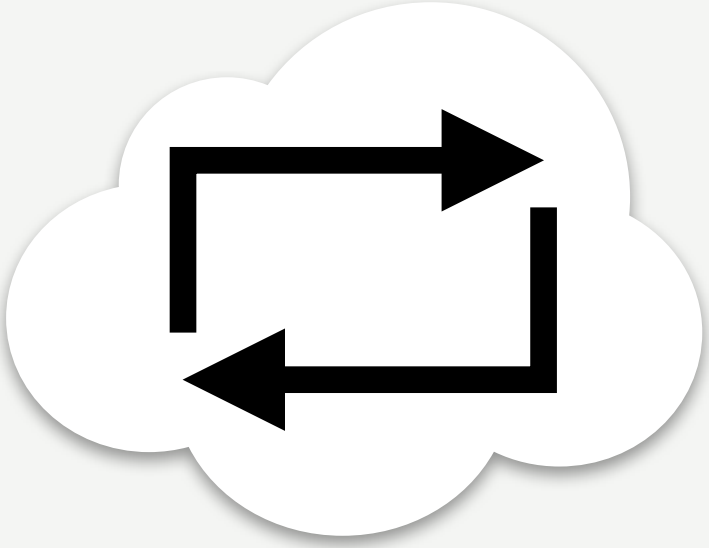
Always bear in mind that Allah is watching our actions and the angels are recording them.

Believe in The Predestination

Predestination = Qada' & Qadar

Qadaa and Qadar mean the Timeless Knowledge of Allah and His power to plan and execute His plans.

Allah is not indifferent to this world nor is He neutral to it. It implies that everything on this earth originates from the one and only Creator who is also the Sustainer and the Sole Source of guidance.



Have a strong faith

Allah is Wise, Just, and Loving, and whatever He does must have a good motive.

Although we may fail sometimes to understand it fully.

We should have strong faith in Allah and accept whatever He does because our knowledge is limited and our thinking is based on individual consideration.

“ ***Say: Never will we be struck except by what Allah has...***

Surah At-Tawbah (9:51)

“ *decreed for us, He is our protector. And upon Allah let the believers rely.”*

Surah At-Tawbah (9:51)

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